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APPLICANTS: Ledeboer, et al.
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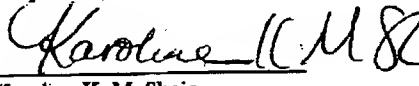
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated June 24, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before December 24, 2003.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$950.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


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